

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy-first Annual Session
OF THE
MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE
EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Newton County, Miss.,

September 19, 20 and 21, 1908.

Next place of meeting, Hebron Church, Newton County,
Miss., Saturday before the third Lord's Day
in September, 1909.

Officers—R. K. Cleveland, Moderator, Decatur;
G. P. Clarke, Clerk, Decatur;
J. E. Graham, Treas., Decatur.

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STATE OF RELIGION

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Fraternal Correspondence With the Churches.

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Mt Pisgah Association:

Our beloved and grand old Association is now in her seventy-first annual session with Ebenezer church, Newton county. The weather has been somewhat threatening, but that has not prevented a good meeting of the body. A kind Providence has so regulated the rains as not to interfere with the coming and going of those who attend, nor with the dispensing of refreshments. All the churches are represented except one. The meeting has been harmonious and cordial. Every one seemed to be anxious to accomplish as much as possible for the good of the cause. As far as could be judged, a spirit of Christian love has prevailed. The church and community have been kind and generous to the messengers. The preaching has been sound, able, and orthodox. Gathering from the tone of the letters, the churches are, as a rule, in a prosperous condition, and on rising ground. Many precious revivals have been reported—many brethren have been stirred by the Spirit to a sense of the obligations resting upon them as the professed followers of the Lord Jesus. We feel to hope that a better day is dawning for our Sacred Zion. Now, a few words of admonition: Many are rising up and saying, "Lo here, and lo there," but we are admonished in the words of eternal truth to "go not after them." We should view with suspicion, every new departure from the faith of our fathers. There is but one true system of religion, hence we can not follow the New Testament, and

adopt new forms. Our God is an unchangeable One—so His plans and purposes unchangeable. Let us follow the advice of the good old prophet Jeremiah, and "Stand in the ways, and see and ask for the old paths, wherein is the good way, and walk therein." We are told that by so doing we shall "Find rest for our souls."

G. P. CLARKE, Chairman.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Seventy-first Annual Session of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Newton County, Miss., September 19, 1908.

At the appointed hour, (11 o'clock a. m.) Elder H. C. Taylor, the regular appointee, preached the introductory sermon from Acts 1:8. Theme, "The office and work of the Holy Spirit." The discourse was delivered with much earnestness, and was considered able, sound, and strictly orthodox.

After the sermon, a short interval was spent in partaking of refreshments, spread in abundance, and of excellent quality, by the church and community.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

After singing a hymn, Elder W. E. Fendley offered prayer, and the Association was convened in her seventy-first annual session by the Moderator, Elder R. K. Cleveland.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

To read letters—T. A. Blass, R. L. Moore and E. B. Everett.

Finance—T. L. Gaines, A. F. Lindley, L. S. James.

The roll of churches was called and messengers names recorded.

Elder A. L. Ingram was appointed to preach at the stand.

The time arrived for the body to elect officers for the ensuing term.

On motion, agreed to elect by acclamation.

Elder R. K. Cleveland was re-elected Moderator, G. P. Clarke, Clerk, and J. E. Graham, Treasurer.

The officers elected accepted with thanks.

Petitionary letters were called for; none presented.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats L. E. Lightsey, J. P. Culpepper and W. S. Ford were seated.

Corresponding messengers from sister Associations next called for. M. W. Langham from Oktibbeha, W. S. Ford from Hopewell, and L. E. Lightsey from Bay Springs responded; also J. E. Byrd, Sunday school evangelist of the Baptist State Convention. The Moderator extended the right hand in behalf of the body.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Preaching—Pastor and deacons of Ebenezer church, with W. T. Cooper, W. R. Moore and R. R. Freeman

State of Religion—G. P. Clarke, J. B. Gibbon, J. E. Graham, M. W. Langham and G. W. Mabry

Missions—W. E. Fendley, W. H. Harrison, L. E. Lightsey, H. O. Horne and W. J. Blass

Temperance—W. J. Bruner, Q. Q. Graham, W. S. Ford, T. P. Jones and Joe Rushing

Orphanage—H. C. Taylor, G. M. May, W. M. Yarbrough, J. A. Valentine, T. J. Bounds

Queries and Requests—J. E. Graham, W. Burt, J. Cooper, J. F. Harper

Publications—A. L. Ingram, J. P. Culpepper, J. L. Harrison, G. W. Brantley, A. J. Hillman

Nominations—J. S. Laird, J. W. Huey, L. S. James, R. K. Cleveland

Education—T. A. Sims, H. C. Rush, A. H. Edwards, C. C. White, B. S. Coughran

Sunday Schools—J. E. Byrd, E. H. Reynolds, T. A. Ingram, B. B. Allen, J. G. Walton

Special Committee on Obituaries—T. J. Blass, R. L. Moore, E. B. Everett, J. H. Wilson

The committee on Preaching made the following partial report:

That Elder R. L. Herrington conduct prayer service at the stand at 10 a. m. tomorrow; Elder N. A. Edmonds preach the annual sermon on Missions at 11 a. m.; Elder J. P. Culpepper preach at 1:30 p. m., and J. E. Byrd

lecture on Sunday schools at the close of the afternoon service.

On motion, it was ordered that a collection for Missions be taken up after the morning service, and for the Orphanage in the afternoon.

The business of the day being completed, on motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock Monday morning.

SUNDAY.

At 10 o'clock a. m., a solemn and interesting prayer service was held at the stand, conducted by Elder R. L. Herrington, a number of brethren participating.

Neither Elder N. A. Edmonds, the appointee, nor his alternate being present, Elder W. E. Fendley preached an exceedingly able, interesting and encouraging sermon on Missions, at 11 a. m., from Mal 3:8. Theme: "Loyalty and work." In the afternoon Elder J. P. Culpepper preached a practical and pointed sermon from Matt. 16:18. Theme: "The church of Christ."

Collection for Missions, \$33.75; collection for Orphanage, \$12.85.

J. E. Byrd, during the day, delivered several of his characteristic Sunday school addresses. It is hoped that great good will result from the day's labors. The dinner, as on yesterday, was abundant and excellent.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing a hymn, Elder H. C. Taylor offered prayer.

The roll of messengers was called and absentees excused.

By order of the Moderator, the Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk.

Renewed call for churches not represented on Saturday. Letters from several additional churches were read, and messengers names enrolled. Called again for visiting ministers. Corresponding messengers from other Associations called for. Elders J. E. Chapman, T. J. Miley and W. B. Sansing from Bay Springs responded, the Moderator giving right hand in behalf of the body.

Corresponding messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Pearl Valley—R. L. Herrington, C. T. White.

Oktibbeha—W. T. Cooper, J. L. Harrison, A. F. Lindley

Hopewell—Joe Rushing, D. M. Stroud.

Bay Springs—W. T. Cooper, W. E. Fendley.

Harmony—Joe Rushing, D. M. Stroud

Members of this Association, visiting other Associations, were authorized to represent this body in such Associations.

Corresponding messengers were authorized to write their own letters and sign officer's names thereto.

Elder R. L. Breland was appointed to preach at the stand.

Messengers to the General Association were appointed as follows: W. J. Bruner, J. M. Cooper, A. F. Lindley, W. E. Fendley, T. A. Sims, W. T. Cooper, W. R. Moore, J. F. Sansing, R. L. Herrington, H. C. Taylor, R. K. Cleveland

The following brethren were excused from further attendance: G. J. Hillman, T. B. Gross, H. O. Horne and W. T. Lewis.

Reports of committees were now called for.

Missions—Read; discussed at length, and adopted. (Appendix A.)

State of Religion—Read and adopted without discussion. (See first page.)

Temperance—Read, discussed at great length and adopted. (Appendix B.)

Queries and Requests—Read and adopted without discussion. (Appendix C.)

Publications—Read, discussed at some length, and adopted. (Appendix D.)

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association met and reports of committees continued.

Nominations—Read and adopted without discussion. (Appendix E.)

Finance—Read and adopted without discussion. (Appendix F.)

Education—Read and adopted, after a speech by Elder S. B. Culpepper (Appendix G.)

Sunday Schools—Read and adopted without discussion. (Appendix H.)

Orphanage—Read and adopted after some discussion. (Appendix I.)

Obituaries—Read and adopted without discussion. (Appendix J.)

The church at Lake was granted a letter of dismission from this body.

RESOLUTIONS.

1st Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to have the proceedings of this meeting, where he can get the work most neatly and promptly done, paying for same when so done and approved by him; and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary of \$20, printer's fee and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

2nd. That all money on hand for the Orphanage be sent to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., by the treasurer; and all funds on hand after the expenses of the Association have been met, be sent to the General Association.

3rd. That the Moderator be requested to appoint the committees at this Association, who shall prepare report on the different enterprises fostered by the denomination, and that said committee have reports ready by the next meeting of this Association, and that this resolution be made permanent.

4th. That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the Ebenezer church, and community at large, for their kind and generous entertainment of the Association during this session.

5th. That we now adjourn to meet with Hebron church, Newton County, Miss., on Saturday, before the third Lord's day in September, 1909.

The closing prayer was offered by Elder J. E. Chapman. A hymn was sung, the parting hand was given, and the

benediction by the Moderator closed a most profitable and interesting session of the Mt. Pisgah Association.

R. K. CLEVELAND, Moderator.

G. P. CLARKE, Clerk.

Chairmen of committees, appointed by the Moderator, to prepare reports for the next session of the Association, according to resolution of the body:

Missions—H. O. White.

Temperance—W. E. Fendley.

Education—T. J. Blass.

Publications—W. J. McMullan.

Sunday Schools—J. E. Graham.

Orphanage—H. C. Taylor.

State of Religion—G. P. Clarke.

APPENDICES.

Missions---A.

This work of the world's redemption began in the garden of Eden. The promise made to the woman that her seed should bruise the serpent's head was a promise that the Kingdom of Satan should become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

When Terah was ordered from Ur of the Chaldees to Canaan it was a significance that God had selected the family, through which the Messiah should proceed, and His promise to make Abraham a blessing to the world, shows that he had chosen him as the vessel or man from whom, or through whom, this great blessing should come.

We may trace God's promise on through Isaac, Jacob, David and directly to the Bethlehem manger, where His promise was fulfilled, and Judean shepherds were called to witness the great things that had been looked for for more than 4,000 years.

Christ did not come to save a tribe or nation, but the promise to Abraham was that through his seed should all families of the earth be blessed.

When Christ preached in Judea, Samaria, Galilee and Perea, he proved beyond doubt that his mission was world-wide, and that whosoever believeth upon Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, and His last command to His disciples was to go and teach all nations.

Our Savior laid the one great foundation and upon this foundation our fathers have wrought wisely

The Foreign Mission Board does work in China, Japan, Argentina, Brazil, Africa, Italy and Mexico, where we have 219 missionaries, besides native helpers. To this work Mississippi Baptists paid last year \$28,920.54. Mississippi has furnished thirteen of those workers, with one under appointment and one pending the Boards action.

The Home Board does work throughout the Southern States, Cuba, the Philippine and Hawaii Islands. This work is being done nobly by hundreds of workers. Mississippi paid for this work last year \$19,182.95.

The State Board does work within its own bounds and the good being done can not be estimated, neither can the work that needs to be done. On the Gulf Coast and in the Delta the needs are appalling, where Catholicism rules with an iron hand. Here these people have even begun work among the colored people, and if they ever succeed in Romanizing the southern negro, it will indeed be a sad day for us.

The Baptists of Mississippi gave for this purpose last year \$19,468.97. In all we gave \$57,572.46 for the Mission cause last year, and expended at home over \$333,000. We have in Mississippi 124,483 white Baptists. We gave for Missions about 45 cents per member.

In concluding this report we would urge upon pastors the necessity of informing themselves upon this question of all questions, "What can I do to bring the world to Christ?"

Brethren, let us stand behind those in the front with our prayers and offerings and co-operation, for the fields are ripe even unto the harvest, and we are well able to go in and possess the land. Gods word will accomplish that whereunto he has sent it.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. FENDLEY, Chairman.

Temperance---B.

Your committee on Temperance report the following:

While much has been done, and is now being done, to free our country from the great evil of intemperance, yet much more needs to be done before we can get this great evil eradicated from among us.

The Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things. Your committee would urge total abstinence from the drink habit, this being the only sure hope of our country. This great question should be so pressed upon our people as to make it a matter of conscience. Drunkenness is classed with all other evils in the Bible; "Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing;" "Woe to him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's mouth;" Drink not wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons," Lev. 10:9.

It is a shame for any professor of religion to drink intoxicating liquors. We rejoice with great joy that so much has been done within the last twelve months to put this great evil out of states adjoining our own. The day has come for Christians to take strong steps against the coco-cola habit. It is a weak solution of cocaine, and it is a great evil, that many of our Christian brethren are selling it to the youth of our country today. Its influence is against the teachings of God's word; and it tends to ruin our boys and girls. The noble women of Neshoba county met our Honorable judge the other day with a petition, asking him to co-operate with them in putting down this great curse. Brother, let our prayers be with our efforts to abolish this great evil from among us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BRUNER, Chairman.

Queries and Requests---C.

We the committee on Queries and Requests, submit the following:

We find no queries, but find nine requests for the

next meeting of this body. We recommend that the Association meet in her next annual session with Hebron church, Newton County, Miss.

Submitted,
J. E. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Publications--L.

We, your committee on Publications, submit the following:

We recommend the reading of the Mississippi Baptist, the Baptist Record, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, and Orphanage Gem: We would especially urge all the brethren in the General Association to read the Mississippi Baptist. It is the best and cheapest paper we can get. We would call attention to the importance of good books and papers in the home. Of all books the Bible must, and will always be first. A reading people is a ready people.

Respectfully submitted,
J. P. CULPEPPER, Chairman.

Nominations--E.

Your committee on Nominations submit the following.

That Elder W. J. Bruner preach the next introductory sermon; Elder F. M. Breland his alternate. That Elder W. E. Fendley preach the next annual sermon on Missions; Elder A. L. Ingram his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
R. K. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

Finance--F.

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following:
We have examined the Treasurer's report and find,

Received from the churches last year.....	\$93 05
Collected for Missions on Sunday.....	45 29
Collected for Orphanage.....	19 10

Total.....	\$157 44
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Disbursed.....	\$151 10
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Received from the churches this year.....	\$93 00
Collected for Missions on Sunday.....	33 75
Collected for Orphanage on Sunday.....	12 85

Total.....	\$145.94
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Submitted,

T. L. GAINES, Chairman.

Education--G.

Your committee on Education submit the following report:

The word educate means to instruct. God has given us intellectual faculties, but has left the developing and instructing work to man. We feel grateful to God for the great opportunities He has given us for developing the talents that He has endowed us with. We recommend that this instructing begin in childhood; while the mind is young and tender is the best time to lay the foundation; "As the twig is bent, so will the tree go." Fathers and mothers, are you polishing the bright jewels that God has committed to your care? If not, turn and read what God has said: "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Surely God would have them brought up in an intelligent and useful way.

Your committee would recommend ministerial education. Owing to the great mass of educated people we feel it very important that the ministers of God be educated. First of all, he needs a consecrated heart and life to the work.

We recommend above all our own Clarke Memorial College, and urge our boys and girls to attend same. Why Clarke Memorial College?

1st. Because of the great and departed saint, in whose memory it is built.

2nd. Because it is our own home school.

3rd. Because it is a denominational school, and belongs to the Baptists of East Mississippi.

We feel grateful to God for the work that has already been done in the movement. Surely God is blessing the move.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. SIMS, Chairman.

Sunday Schools—H.

The Bible schools, or teaching service of a church, is that service where people meet for the special purpose of studying God's Word in a systematic way. The scriptural authority for such a service is thoroughly warranted by the following, and many other passages, viz: Matt. 4:23; Acts 13:1; Eph. 4:11; Heb. 5:12. We recommend that each church in this Association put forth a special effort to maintain and evergreen Sunday school, to teach the Bible, and to train the church membership. In each school we suggest two things, viz: Each school be graded in order to enlist and hold people, and trained teachers who are able to teach. We are sorry to note that out of the forty-three churches reporting to this Association only fifteen reported Sunday school. We request that all the schools be listed in the statistical table of the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BYRD, Chairman.

Orphanage—I.

Your committee on Orphanage belonging to the Baptists of our own State, beg leave to report: Brother J.

R. Carter, the manager, is a man of whom the Baptists ought to feel proud. We now have one hundred and sixty children. Brethren, let us pray for them, and come to their help with our money and support in other ways. They need clothing and provisions. In many ways we can help. Let the Orphanage have a warm place in our hearts.

Submitted,

H. C. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Obituaries—J.

We, your special committee on Obituaries, respectfully submit the following:

By examining the letters from the various churches and from other sources, we find that twenty (20) brethren and sisters have, by the incident of death, fallen from our ranks and passed into the unknown beyond. While it is sad to have these loved ones and faithful co-workers taken from us, and while we will very greatly miss their pleasant faces and great influence for good, still, we would not call them back, because they are with God.

We know not why so many faithful brethren and sisters are taken from us; yet would not pause a moment to question the propriety of the work of the Great God; but would bow in humble submission, and say in the language of the writer of old: "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Let us endeavor to profit by their good examples, imitate the virtues of their characters and fondly cherish their memory; endeavoring herewith to render a tender tribute of respect, which we feel to be due them from this body.

As it is impractical to speak of each one separately—and perhaps there are some whose names we could not obtain—we give the names of all reported, and maintain the same feeling for those not reported, and in all submit this as a testimony of our paternal esteem.

The names obtained are as follows:

Bailey Chaney, Emma Hagan, Dr. M. L. Camp,
Dora Davis, Caroline McMullan, Frances Addy, Sam

Everett, R. W. Day, S. B. Mercer, Chas. B. Germany,
James Hunter, Lula Freeman, Milentus Harris, Cindy
Barnett, W. M. Sharp, John Galloway, A. T. Cleveland,
Mattie Ledlow, Matt Carter, Maggie Leigh, J. H. Nestor,
Mrs. M. J. Cartlidge, Lucy Brooks.

T. J. BLASS, Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

H. O. White, Decatur	A. J. Wells, Union
W. E. Fendley, Chunky	W. H. Rainer, Chunky
W. B. Hammond, Lawrence	Mack Thompson, Lake
F. M. Breland, Philadelphia	D. B. Cannon, Philadelphia
R. L. Herrington, Neshoba	W. J. Bruner, Newton
J. H. Satterfield, Newton	G. M. May, Lawrence
W. M. Yarbrough, Lawrence	D. M. Stroud, Lake
R. K. Cleveland, Decatur	E. W. Breland, Hays
W. L. Collins, Union	H. C. Taylor, Union
Joe Rushing, Harperville.	

LICENTIATES.

T. A. Sims, Decatur	J. S. Laird, Decatur
D. B. Gross, Union	J. G. Giles, Chunky
T. J. Bryant, Conehatta	J. M. Williams, Hickory
G. W. Brantley, Madden	

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH--Preamble.

We the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, for ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith into salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man the man Christ Jesus who, by the sanctification He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offspring for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature and required all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to

one Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is a duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expell from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we desire it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question shall instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association shall form their own By-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES FOR DECORUM.

1. The Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectfully belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excom-

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4. This Association and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the members present at the first meeting, shall fill their respective offices for the succeeding Association, and while in office, shall be subject to the provisions incidental to those offices.

5. If new churches are admitted to the Association, they shall be on equal terms with the old ones, and, if orthodox and of the same denomination, the Moderator shall recognize them by laying the right hand of fellowship on them.

6. Every church shall have no more until her number shall be increased until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty no more.

7. The Association query on Gospel doctrine the meaning of the Art

8. Every motion must be reduced to writing if requested by the mover and may be considered by the Assembly only after it has been moved by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made in the minutes unless so ordered.

10. If any proposition contains two or more points, any member, and the vote

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municated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundred—three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order,

15. A majority of the members of the body, which shall be declared without delay.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall then proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.
23. The rules of Order shall be maintained.

23. The rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.



STATISTICAL TABLE:

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH	COUNTY	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Males	Females	Colored	Total	Number Minutes	Associational Fund	Time of Meeting	Ordained	Licentiate	PASTOR
Bulah	Newton	11	10	2	8	1	1				164	30	\$ 3 00	3	1	1	G. W. Breland
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	5	2	2	6	2	1				64	20	2 00				H. C. Taylor
County Line	Neshoba	12	3	2	15		1				83	20	2 00		1		G. W. Breland
Centre Ridge	Newton	5	1			1					30	15	1 50				H. C. Taylor
Chunky	Newton	22	9		6		2				160	30	3 00		2		R. A. Venable
Decatur	Newton	17	5		5		2				201	45	4 50				J. A. Johnston
Dixon	Neshoba	6	1	2	1					2	43	20	2 00				L. E. Lightsey
Enon	Neshoba	5	4	2	13	2		26	51		77	20	2 00				F. M. Breland
Ebenezer	Newton	1	1		1		1	27	43		70	20	2 00		1		W. B. Hammond
Eb-n-zer	Neshoba							16	19		35	10	1 00	3			F. M. Breland
Ephe-us	Scott	2	1	1	1	1		27	40		67	25	2 50	1			G. M. May
Good Hope	Scott	14	11	1	4		1	28	37		65	20	2 00				G. M. May
Good Hope	Newton	1			1	1	1				38	15	1 50				Z. K. Gilmore
Hickory	Newton	2	3		1						134	25	2 50				R. A. Venable
Hebron	Newton	6	5		2						87	30	3 00				W. H. Rainer
Hazel	Newton	20	3					49	20		69	20	2 00				W. B. Sansing
Hope	Neshoba	9	4			1		51	25		76	25	2 50		1		W. J. Bruner
Lake	Scott	9	20					83	25		108	25	2 50				W. B. Sansing
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	4	1			1	2	30	53		83	25	2 50		2		J. E. Breland
Midway	Newton	7	1		3						28	20	2 00				Wm. Yarbrough
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	2	5	1							73	15	1 50				J. W. Ellis
New Prospect	Newton	2	1		4		1	31	35		66	20	2 00				E. W. Breland
New Hope	Neshoba	18	16	1	2	2	2				157	35	3 50	1	1		L. E. Lightsey
New Providence	Newton	3	3	1	2	2					41	10	1 00		1		W. J. Bruner
New Ireland	Newton	1			6		1				49	25	2 50				W. L. Collins
Oakland	Newton	7	2			2	1				63	20	2 00				J. C. Parker
Pleasant Hill	Newton	16	1		4	3	2				149	40	4 00				R. L. Breland
Pinckney	Newton	2			3		2				79	25	2 50				W. H. Rainer
Poplar Springs	Newton	24	7	3	12	1	1				143	35	3 50	2			T. J. Miley
Pine Bluff	Newton	2			6			17	37		54	20	2 00	4	1		E. W. Breland
Pine Ridge	Newton	7	1	1	4		1	15	24		39	15	1 50	2			D. M. Stroud
Poplar	Newton	2	6		2		1	9	23		50	24	2 40		1		G. M. May
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	2	6		1	2	1	27	41		68	20	2 00	4			G. M. May
Rock Branch	Newton				5		1				39	15	1 50		1		W. H. Rainer
Salem	Scott	15	1	1			1				87	25	2 50				W. S. Ford
Sulphur Springs	Scott	15	1		2		1				60	21	2 10		1		E. W. Breland
Sand Springs	Newton	4		1	1		2				44	10	1 00				W. M. Yarbrough
Sardis	Scott	5			3		1	16	28		14	10	1 00				E. W. Breland
Stratton	Newton				7		1				51	35	3 50				E. J. Hill
Union	Newton	19	18	1	7		2			1	81	20	3 00		2		S. C. Gordon
Union	Scott	4	1		10		1	33	48		50	15	1 50		1		W. M. Yarbrough
Cross Roads	Newton	15			2	1	1										
		320	154	20	156	22	34			3	2038	935	\$94 50		19	7	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCH	COUNTY	No. of Officers			No. of Teachers			No. of Pupils			Expenses			Kind of Literature Used		
		No.	1st	2nd	No.	1st	2nd	No.	1st	2nd	No.	1st	2nd	No.	1st	2nd
Beulah	Newton	2	5	60	2	5	60	2	5	60	2	5	60	Baptist		
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	2	4	55	2	4	55	2	4	55	2	4	55	Union		
County Line	Neshoba	2	4	45	2	4	45	2	4	45	2	4	45	Baptist		
Centre Ridge	Newton	2	3	22	2	3	22	2	3	22	2	3	22	Baptist		
Chunky	Newton	2	5	85	2	5	85	2	5	85	2	5	85	Baptist		
Dixon	Neshoba	2			2			2			2			Union		
Ebenezer	Neshoba	1	2	63	1	2	63	1	2	63	1	2	63	Union		
Hickory	Newton	2	5	70	2	5	70	2	5	70	2	5	70	Baptist		
Hazel	Newton	2	4	80	2	4	80	2	4	80	2	4	80	Union		
Lake	Scott	2	4	70	2	4	70	2	4	70	2	4	70	Baptist		
New Hope	Neshoba	2			2			2			2			Baptist		
Poplar Springs	Newton	2	5	96	2	5	96	2	5	96	2	5	96	Baptist		
Pine Bluff	Newton	1	4	50	1	4	50	1	4	50	1	4	50	Baptist		
Union	Newton	2	2	475	2	2	475	2	2	475	2	2	475	Baptist		
Union	Scott	2	3	80	2	3	80	2	3	80	2	3	80	Baptist		



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CHURCH	COUNTY	POST OFFICE	NAMES OF MESSENGERS
Beulah.....	Newton...	Decatur	J. L. Harrison, T. A. Sims, J. E. Graham,
Bluff Springs.....	Neshoba ..	Union	G. J. Hillman, T. B. Gross
	Neshoba	Union 4	J. W. Gilbert, J. R. Sansing.....

